

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-6 (Canceled)

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): A method of cutting tissue in a body passage comprising selecting a catheter having a first lumen configured for receiving a wire guide, a second lumen configured for receiving an electrosurgical cutting wire, positioning said catheter in said passage at a desired position using an endoscope, actuating the electrosurgical cutting wire in the second lumen, the improvement comprising:

orientating said electrosurgical cutting wire by rotating a handle relative to a proximal end of said catheter, said electrosurgical cutting wire also rotationally orientating a distal portion of said catheter.

Claim 8 (Original): The method of claim 7 wherein said cutting wire is affixed to said handle, wherein said step of rotating said handle causes a rotation of a proximal end of said cutting wire whereby said cutting wire is caused to rotate within said second lumen.

Claim 9 (Canceled)

Claim 10 (Original): The method of claim 7 further comprising:
inhibiting further rotation of said handle relative to said proximal end of said catheter by engaging a rotation lock.

Claim 11 (Original): The method of claim 7, further comprising:
indicating an amount of rotation of said handle relative to said proximal end of said catheter through the use of a rotation indicator.

Claim 12 (Original): The method of claim 11, wherein said step of indicating an amount of rotation includes a visual indication of said amount of rotation.

Claims 13-14 (Canceled)

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): A catheter handle assembly comprising:

a catheter handle;

a catheter;

a rotatable coupling connecting said catheter handle to a proximal end of a catheter, said rotatable coupling configured to allow free rotation of the proximal end of said catheter with respect to said catheter handle[[r]];

a handle clamping member ~~disposed on~~ affixed to said catheter handle and also affixed ~~configured to affix~~ a proximal end of a device ~~to said catheter handle~~, said device extending through a lumen formed in said catheter to a distal end of said catheter where said device is affixed to said catheter, whereby rotation of said catheter handle causes rotation of a proximal end of said device in said lumen, and

said rotation of a proximal end of said device causes rotational orientation of the distal end of said catheter.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): The catheter handle assembly of claim 15, wherein said device comprises a cutting wire extending from said handle clamping member where said cutting wire is affixed to said catheter handle and said cutting wire also extending to a connection at a distal end of said catheter where said cutting wire is affixed.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): The catheter handle assembly of claim 15, further comprising:

a rotation lock engageable to inhibit a rotation of said catheter handle with respect to said proximal end of said catheter.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): The catheter handle assembly of claim 15, further comprising:

a rotation indicator configured to indicate an amount of rotation of said catheter handle relative to said proximal end of said catheter.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): The catheter handle assembly of claim 18, wherein said rotation indicator comprises a visual indicator of said amount of rotation.

Claims 20-21 (Canceled)